

Date: June 2, 2005

To: Chairman Randolph, and Commissioners Blair, Downey, Huguenin and Remy

From: Mark Krausse, Executive Director

This is a summary of administrative activity and other matters since the report sent to you prior to the last Commission meeting.

#### A. PERSONNEL & BUDGET

This is a difficult month in terms of personnel issues, as several long-time Commission employees have taken positions elsewhere in state service. We will miss their knowledge, skills and abilities, but more than anything, we will miss the individuals as three who have given well beyond what they have received.

Linda Denly (formerly Moureaux) is a 25-year employee of the Commission who will be taking a significant promotion to move to the Department of Justice in early June. Linda's intimate knowledge of the Political Reform Act and of the Commission's history is exceeded only by her enthusiasm for our mission. As one of the first two Political Reform Consultants to move from Technical Assistance to staff the intake program in the Enforcement Division, Linda was personally responsible for a marked improvement in how we process complaints. We congratulate you on your promotion, Linda, and are glad to see you being rewarded for your many years of hard work.

Julia Bilaver is a Senior Commission Counsel who is moving to the Office of the State Treasurer in early June. Julia's name is familiar to Commissioners by way of the large volume of stipulations on the agenda each month bearing her name. Julia has handled many complicated cases, including two stipulated settlements this month in a money laundering case that netted \$80,000 for the General Fund. The Treasurer will be doubly pleased..

Sherri Stock, the Commission's budget officer, has taken a position with the Water Quality Control Board. Sherri has managed the Commission's fiscal affairs for over five years, and has been a great asset to the Administration Division and to all of us. She has been particularly helpful in quickly generating budget spreadsheets in response to 11<sup>th</sup>-hour requests from the Department of Finance.

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Gail Maiorana and Crystal Muhlenkamp are new interns serving in the Legal Division for the summer. Gail is a student at McGeorge School of Law, and Crystal attends law school at the University of San Diego.

Commission Legal Counsel Galena West is transferring to the Enforcement Division to help address the workload there. Given the familiarity with the Act that her several years in the Legal Division have provided, Galena will be an excellent addition to the Enforcement Division.

## B. STAFF PROJECTS

The Technical Assistance Division's Cynthia Jones provided a filing officer outreach for new campaign filing officers in Nevada County, Trish Mayer and Kevin Moen will conduct a series of Form 700 seminars for the Dept. of Fish & Game in June, and Teri Rindahl will be providing training to new filing officers in Riverside on June 9th.

The Public Education Unit is developing a PowerPoint presentation for the general public on the duties and functions of the Commission. This presentation will be posted on our website, but may also be used as introductory content by presenters of other seminars and outreach visits. PEU is finalizing the June edition of the *Bulletin*, revising the design of press releases and updating the press policies for presentation to the Commission in the fall.

## C. APPROVAL OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES/AMENDMENTS

California Charter Schools Association  
California Insurance Pool Authority  
Oakdale Irrigation District  
San Joaquin River Conservancy  
State and Consumer Services Agency, State of California  
State Teachers' Retirement System, California  
Voting Modernization Board, California

## D. FINDINGS OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Pursuant to regulation 18361, I have found evidence in the following cases sufficient to lead a person of ordinary caution and prudence to believe or entertain a strong suspicion that the following respondents committed or caused a violation of the Political Reform Act. **This finding of probable cause does not constitute a finding that a violation has actually occurred. The respondents are presumed to be innocent of any violation of the Act unless a violation is proved in a subsequent proceeding**

**In the Matter of Committee for Yes on Measure F and Preston H. Wisner, FPPC No. 02/012.** On May 17, 2005, probable cause was found to believe that Respondent Committee for Yes on Measure F, a local ballot measure committee, and Respondent Preston H. Wisner, the treasurer of the local ballot measure committee, failed to send a major donor notification letter, in violation of Government Code section 84105 (one count); failed to file a second pre-election campaign statement for the reporting period February 27, 2000 through March 25, 2000, by the

March 30, 2000 filing due date, in violation of Government Code section 84200.5, subdivision (c) (one count); failed to maintain detailed accounts, records, bills, and receipts that were necessary to prepare three campaign statements, in violation of Government Code section 84104 (three counts); failed to disclose a late contribution in a properly filed late contribution report, in violation of Government Code section 84203, subdivision (a) (one count); failed to file a post-election semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period March 26, 2000 through June 30, 2000, by the July 31, 2000 filing due date, in violation of Government Code section 84200, subdivision (a) (one count); and failed to disclose three non-monetary contributions on a semi-annual campaign statement, in violation of Government Code section 84211, subdivision (f) (3 counts).

#### E. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF COMMITTEE TERMINATION

The following state candidate committees were granted extensions:

McClintock for Controller (1234969). A request for extension was granted until November 1, 2005.